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## Docket No. DMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 29827/37398 Filing Date Application No. Examiner **Art Unit** 09/935,094-Conf. #9354 August 22, 2001 Tae H. Yoon 1714 Applicant(s): Michael A. Mitchell et al. Invention: MULTICOMPONENT SUPERABSORBENT GEL PARTICLES TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims **Highest** Remaining Number Number After Previously Extra Claims **Amendment** Paid **Present** Rate **Total Claims** 53 54 X Independent 3 3 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x Large Entity **Small Entity** No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. × A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 to cover the Terminal Disclaimer fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 13-2855 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: January 29, 2004 James J. Napoli Attorney Reg. No.: MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300 **Sears Tower** Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357 (312) 474-6614 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

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## AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.